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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Librarian

SUBJECT: Item for May 1962 Meeting

- REFERENCE: (a) USAREC Letter 0-4-62 dated 4 April 1962, to AGO, Army, Intelligence Chief, Collection Division, "COMINT", and enclosure (a thumbnail copy of the collection Hong Kong, Hong Kong, No. 793, dated 16 March 1962, "COMINT"), copies attached.
- (b) Memorandum from Chief, Foreign Section, to Mr. Richard W. Bauer, AGO, Army, providing informal comments on the USAREC letter cited in reference a above, copy attached.

BACKGROUND

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1. Mr. Richard W. Bauer, Army member, PROCI, forwarded reference(a) above to [redacted] Chief, Foreign Section of this Branch, and requested his informal comments concerning same. [redacted] comments FOIAb3b comprise reference(b).

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2. Mr. Bauer has informally agreed with [redacted] proposal that the USAREC letter be made a subject of discussion at the May meeting of PROCI. However, Mr. Bauer stated that he must first obtain his superior's approval. He did state that he has no objection to having a copy of the USAREC letter sent to the CIA Librarian.

3. The USAREC letter points up a serious lack of understanding by the Defense Service Liaison Officers in Hong Kong, and by the USAREC in particular, as to the over-all availability of Chinese publications to the USIA Agencies, non-USIA agencies, U. S. academic institutions, etc., and the wide use made of these publications by these agencies and institutions. It occurs to me that there is a definite need for a joint conference of all U. S. field collectors in the Far East engaged in the collection of Chinese and other Asian Communist Bloc publications. This conference should be utilized as a means of discussing procurement as well as distribution of Chinese and other Asian Communist publications.

4. It is therefore recommended that, with the concurrence of the Army member of PROCI, this matter be discussed at the May meeting of PROCI.

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